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SUBJ: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 220772, 220773, 224557

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED US OBJECTIVES AND ANTICIPATED KEY ISSUES AT 31ST UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 16 WITH FIRST COUNSELLOR THOMAS SAMMUT OF MALTESE MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTELS.

2. AS MALTA IS HOLDING A GENERAL ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 17-18, SAMMUT POINTED OUT THAT GOM PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNGA ARE, THEREFORE, BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION ARE KNOWN. THE GOM UNGA DELEGATION HAS NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN, AND THE MALTESE CHARGE IN NEW YORK, VICTOR GAUCI, WILL NOT BE SENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE UNGA SESSIONS UNTIL A LATER DATE.

3. SAMMUT WAS APPRECIATIVE OF RECEIVING US VIEWS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED, BUT HE NOTED THAT GOM POLICY ON SEVERAL OF THESE, (E.G., ZIONISM AS RACISM, KOREA) IS QUITE OPPOSED TO OURS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL BE ALERT TO A POSSIBLE
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OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN

MINISTRY BEFORE THE MALTESE DELEGATION (IF ANY) LEAVES
FOR NEW YORK. AT THE MOMENT, THE MINISTRY OBVIOUSLY
IS MARKING TIME AND NOT ABLE TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUES IN
ANY DETAIL. END COMMENT
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